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UNITED STATES WOMEN'S AND SENIORS' BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Oldies and Goodies

Friday Seniors' Round Robin Results

Team Name	Total	4	6	2	1	11	8	12	13	3	10	7	5	9	BYE
4. Kasle	119.72		10.00	12.33		11.46				9.01	11.46	18.73	17.36	19.37	10.00
6. Levine	113.78	10.00				6.85	14.59	6.47	16.89	9.01		14.92	15.54	19.51	
2. Schwartz	111.28	7.67			6.10		11.90	18.38	13.90	10.99		16.11	13.90	12.33	
1. Lynch	105.15			13.90		15.83		14.92	5.75	1.81		13.15	13.15	16.64	10.00
11. Friedland	99.97	8.54	13.15		4.17		11.90	8.10		15.83	16.38	11.90			10.00
8. Street	92.10		5.41	8.10		8.10			15.54		15.54	1.62	10.00	17.79	10.00
12. Brod	89.51		13.53	1.62	5.08	11.90			6.85		16.11		9.50	14.92	10.00
13. Lay	88.35		3.11	6.10	14.25		4.46	13.15			10.99		18.19	8.10	10.00
3. Strul	81.05	10.99	10.99	9.01	18.19	4.17					10.50	.35	6.85		10.00
10. Simson	78.48	8.54				3.62	4.46	3.89	9.01	9.50		17.13		12.33	10.00
7. Meltzer	76.09	1.27	5.08	3.89	6.85	8.10	18.38			19.65	2.87				10.00
5. Morse	73.70	2.64	4.46	6.10	6.85		10.00	10.50	1.81	13.15				18.19	
9. Cappelli	40.82	.63	.49	7.67	3.36		2.21	5.08	11.90		7.67		1.81		

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Friday Women's Round Robin Results

The Sprung team's Victory Points in match 1 were reduced by 3 because of a cell phone penalty.

Team Name	Total	1	4	6	2	3	5
1. Sprung	70.23		12.42	10.85	12.10	14.86	20.00
4. Westheimer	65.85	7.58		6.70	16.38	18.62	16.57
6. Sonsini	59.39	6.15	13.30		3.62	17.45	18.87
2. Baker	49.29	7.90	3.62	16.38		7.28	14.11
3. Moss	37.97	5.14	1.38	2.55	12.72		16.18
5. Mandala	14.27	.00	3.43	1.13	5.89	3.82	

USBF Junior Training Camp

The USBF is holding its first ever Junior Training Camp at the SummerFest Regional in St. Charles, IL. Eleven Junior and Youth members of the USBF training program from across the country are in attendance. Joe Stokes, USBF Junior committee chair, put together the Camp. Debbie and Michael Rosenberg, Program Coordinators, are at the site live and in person giving lessons, hand analysis and generally coordinating the bridge play. Stan Subeck, program mentor, is assisting along with local area experts: Jack Oest and George Jacobs, USBF President. The program appears to be a great success. Check out page 10 for pics and more info.

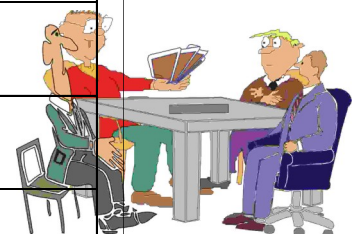
Sprung	JoAnn Sprung, Capt Cheri Bjerkan Shawn Quinn	Stasha Cohen Rozanne Pollack Mildred Breed
Baker	Lynn Baker, Capt Cindy Bernstein Pam Granovetter	Karen McCallum Sally Wheeler JoAnna Stansby
Moss	Sylvia Moss, Capt Jill Meyers Tobi Sokolow	Joann Glasson Janice Seamon-Molson Migry Zur Campanile
Westheimer	Valerie Westheimer, Capt Jill Levin	Hjordis Eythorsdottir Jenny Wolpert
Mandala	Cheryl Mandala, Capt Jenni Carmichael	Melody Bi Pamela Miller
Sonsini	Barbara Sonsini, Capt Beth Palmer Kerri Sanborn	Judi Radin Lynn Deas Irina Levitina

**Women's Teams:
RR Number Order
(Random Draw)**



Lynch	Carolyn Lynch, Capt Eddie Wold Roger Bates	Mike Passell Garey Hayden Marc Jacobus
Schwartz	Richard Schwartz, Capt Sam Lev Neil Chambers	J. Allan Graves Robert Hamman John Schermer
Strul	Aubrey Strul, Capt Lew Stansby Drew Casen	Lewis Finkel Bart Bramley Jim Krekorian
Kasle	Gaylor Kasle, Capt Arnold Fisher Kit Woolsey	Larry Kozlove Fred Hamilton Fred Stewart
Morse	Dan Morse, Capt John Sutherlin Howard Weinstein	Bobby Wolff Dan Gerstman Ron Smith
Levine	Michael Levine, Capt Russell Ekeblad Jerry Clerkin	Dennis McGarry Peter Weichsel Dennis Clerkin
Meltzer	Rose Meltzer, Capt Mark Feldman Steve Beatty	John Mohan Bill Pollack Mark Cohen
Street	Paul Street, Capt Matthew Granovetter Hemant Lall	Barnet Shenkin Ron Rubin Ira Chorus
Cappelli	Robert Cappelli, Capt Kenneth Kranyak John Onstott	Robert Katz Phil Becker Bruce Ferguson
Simson	Doug Simson, Capt Mark Tolliver Mark Lair	Jeff Aker Marc Zwerling Clement Jackson
Friedland	Peter Friedland, Capt Gloria Bart	Mark Dahl Les Bart
Brod	Geoffrey Brod, Capt Glenn Eisenstein Robert Bitterman	John Rengstorff William Wickham Jerry Helms
Lay	Spike Lay, Capt Ronald Smith	Linda Smith Larry Griffey

**senior Teams
(Seeding Order)**



Time	Pairings	Seeded Team	Boards
FRIDAY, JULY 12TH			
10:00-11:40	1 v 6, 2 v 5, 3 v 4	none	1-11
11:45-1:25	1 v 4, 2 v 3, 5 v 6	none	12-22
LUNCH BREAK			
3:00 - 4:40	1 v 5, 2 v 4, 3 v 6	1, 2, 6	23-33
4:45 - 6:25	1 v 3, 2 v 6, 4 v 5	3, 6, 5	34-44
6:30 - 8:10	1 v 2, 3 v 5, 4 v 6	1, 3, 4	45-55
SATURDAY, JULY 13TH			
10:00-11:40	1 v 2, 3 v 5, 4 v 6	2, 5, 6	56-66
11:45-1:25	1 v 3, 2 v 6, 4 v 5	1, 2, 4	67-77
LUNCH BREAK			
3:00-4:40	1 v 5, 2 v 4, 3 v 6	5, 4, 3	78-88
4:50-6:30	1 v 4, 2 v 3, 5 v 6	none	89-99
6:35-8:15	1 v 6, 2 v 5, 3 v 4	none	100-110

WUSBC ROUND ROBIN NOTES:

There are 6 teams in the Round Robin. Teams have been numbered in random order.

ORDER OF PLAY ON JULY 13TH IS OPPOSITE TO THAT ON JULY 12TH.

EVERY PLAYER ON EACH TEAM MUST PLAY AGAINST EACH OTHER TEAM

Last two matches on July 13th are segregated, no comparisons, no substitutions in closed room. Because this means there can be no seating rights for those matches, there are no seating rights in the first two matches on July 12th.

Day	Date	Time	Stage
Friday	July 12	9:30 am	Captains' Meeting
Friday & Saturday	July 12 & July 13	10:00 am - 8:00 pm	Round Robin
SEMI-FINAL			
Sunday	July 14	10:00 am - 12:15 pm 12:25 - 2:40 4:00 - 6:15 6:25 - 8:40	Boards 1-16 Boards 17-32 Dinner break Boards 33-48 Boards 49-64
FINAL & USA2 SEMI-FINAL			
Monday	July 15	10:00 am - 12:10 pm 12:20 - 2:30 3:40 - 5:50 6:00 - 8:10	Boards 1-15 Boards 16-30 Lunch break Boards 30-45 Boards 46-60
Tuesday	July 16	10:00 am - 12:10 pm 12:20 - 2:30 3:40 - 5:50 6:00 - 8:10	Boards 61-75 Boards 76-90 Dinner break Boards 90-105 Boards 106-120
USA2 FINAL			
Wednesday	July 17	10:00 am - 12:10 pm 12:20 - 2:30 3:40 - 5:50 6:00 - 8:10	Boards 1-15 Boards 16-30 Lunch break Boards 30-45 Boards 46-60
Thursday	July 18	10:00 am - 12:10 pm 12:20 - 2:30 3:40 - 5:50 6:00 - 8:10	Boards 61-75 Boards 76-90 Dinner break Boards 90-105 Boards 106-120

**Women's
United States
Championship
Schedule of Play**

Ladies' Humor ...

At a cocktail party, one woman said to another, 'Aren't you wearing your wedding ring on the wrong finger?' The other replied, 'Yes, I am, I married the wrong man.'

My wife's jealousy is getting ridiculous. The other day she looked at my calendar and wanted to know who May was.

After a quarrel, a wife said to her husband, 'You know, I was a fool when I married you.' The husband replied, 'Yes, dear, but I was in love and didn't notice.'

'I never know how much of what I say is true.'
Bette Midler

A man inserted an 'ad' in the classifieds: 'Wife wanted'. Next day he received a hundred letters. They all said the same thing: 'You can have mine.'

The only thing worse than a man you can't control is a man you can. *Margo Kaufman*

Marriage is the triumph of imagination over intelligence. Second marriage is the triumph of hope over experience.

'It's the good girls who keep diaries; the bad

Age is important only if you're cheese or wine.

Of all my husband's relatives, I like me best.

Once over the hill, you pick up speed.

I used to get lost in the shuffle; now I just shuffle along with the lost.

The twinkle in your eye is only the reflection of the sun on your bifocals.

Senior Humor ...

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Day	Date	Time	Boards Played
Friday	July 12	9:30 am	Captains' Meeting
Round Robin			
Friday	July 12	10:00 - 10:55 11:00 - 11:55 12:00 - 12:55 2:15 - 3:10 3:15 - 4:10 4:15 - 5:10 5:30 - 6:25 6:30 - 7:25 7:30 - 8:25	Boards 1-6 Boards 7-12 Boards 13-18 80 Minute Lunch Break Boards 19-24 Boards 25-30 Boards 31-36 20 Minute Break Boards 37-42 Boards 43-48 Boards 49-54
Saturday	July 13	10:00 - 10:55 11:00 - 11:55 ** 12:00 - 12:55 ** 1:00 - 1:55 **	Boards 55-60 Boards 61-66 ** Boards 67-72 ** Boards 73-78 **
Quarter-Final & USA2 Round of 32 (click here for schedule)			
Saturday	July 13	4:00 - 6:10 6:20 - 8:30	Boards 1-15 Boards 16-30
Sunday	July 14	10:00 am - 12:10 pm 12:20 - 2:30 3:40 - 5:50 6:00 - 8:10	Boards 1-15 Boards 16-30 70 Minute Lunch Break Boards 31-45 Boards 46-60
Semi-Final & USA2 Round of 16			
Monday	July 15	10:00 am - 12:10 pm 12:20 - 2:30 3:40 - 5:50 6:00 - 8:10	Boards 1-15 Boards 16-30 70 Minute Lunch Break Boards 31-45 Boards 46-60
Tuesday	July 16	10:00 am - 12:10 pm 12:20 - 2:30	Boards 61-75 Boards 76-90
Final & USA2 Quarterfinal			
Tuesday	July 16	4:00 - 6:10 6:20 - 8:30	Boards 1-15 Boards 16-30
Wednesday	July 17	10:00 am - 12:10 pm 12:20 - 2:30 3:40 - 5:50 6:00 - 8:10	Boards 31-45 Boards 46-60 70 Minute Lunch Break Boards 61-75 Boards 76-90
USA2 Semi-Final			
Thursday	July 18	10:00 am - 12:10 pm 12:20 - 2:30 3:40 - 5:50 6:00 - 8:10	Boards 1-15 Boards 16-30 70 Minute Lunch Break Boards 31-45 Boards 46-60
Friday	July 19	10:00 am - 12:10 pm 12:20 - 2:30	Boards 61-75 Boards 76-90
USA2 Final			
Friday	July 19	4:00 - 6:10 6:20 - 8:30	Boards 1-15 Boards 16-30
Saturday	July 20	10:00 am - 12:10 pm 12:20 - 2:30 3:40 - 5:50 6:00 - 8:10	Boards 31-45 Boards 46-60 70 Minute Lunch Break Boards 61-75 Boards 76-90

Seniors' United States Championship Schedule of Play

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You're so old you confuse having a clear conscience with having a bad memory.

You're getting old when you don't care where your spouse goes, just as long as you don't have to go along.

Fred: I was going to buy you a handkerchief for your birthday.
Harry: That was a kind thought. But why didn't you?
Fred: I couldn't find one big enough for your nose.

Did you hear about the time Eddy's sister tried to make a birthday cake? The candles melted in the oven.

What is the left side of a birthday cake?
The side that's not eaten.

"Doctor, I get heartburn every time I eat birthday cake."
Next time, take off the candles."

The older I get, the better I was.

Seen it all, done it all, can't remember most of it.

I'm on a 30-day diet. So far I've lost 15 days.

Your secrets are safe with your friends because they can't remember them either.

Travelling to see historical sites isn't as much fun when many of the sites are younger than you are.

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Margin	Winner	Loser		Margin	Winner	Loser		Margin	Winner	Loser
0	10	10		13	15.24	4.76		26	18.38	1.62
1	10.50	9.50		14	15.54	4.46		27	18.56	1.44
2	10.99	9.01		15	15.83	4.17		28	18.73	1.27
3	11.46	8.54		16	16.11	3.89		29	18.9	1.10
4	11.90	8.10		17	16.38	3.62		30	19.06	0.94
5	12.33	7.67		18	16.64	3.36		31	19.22	0.78
6	12.75	7.25		19	16.89	3.11		32	19.37	0.63
7	13.15	6.85		20	17.13	2.87		33	19.51	0.49
8	13.53	6.47		21	17.36	2.64		34	19.65	0.35
9	13.90	6.10		22	17.58	2.42		35	19.78	0.22
10	14.25	5.75		23	17.79	2.21		36	19.91	0.09
11	14.59	5.41		24	17.99	2.01		37	20	0
12	14.92	5.08		25	18.19	1.81				

**USBF 6 Board
VP Scale
For Use in the
USSBC**

Hospitality Suite Information:

The hospitality suite for the 2013 Women's and Seniors' USBC is Suite1222. Players, volunteers, kids, supporters are welcome in the Hospitality Suite during the tournament. Please join hostesses Lisa B O'Neill for:



Breakfast each day from 8:00-11:00 am.

Lunch on Monday through Wednesday from 2:30-4:30.

On Friday, Saturday & Sunday, lunch will be an abbreviated menu in the Watercress café on the lower level of the hotel. Team captains will have received lunch coupons for their team members at the Captains' Meeting on Friday morning. If you find you need additional coupons, they will be available from Jan Martel.

The Hospitality Suite will be open for Vugraph, casual chit chat, drinks & snacks during the most of the playing hours, and for a short time after the end of play each day. **It will be closed from 11:00-2:30 while our hostesses are shopping and preparing lunch.**

Margin	Winner	Loser		Margin	Winner	Loser		Margin	Winner	Loser
0	10	10		18	15.33	4.67		36	18.49	1.51
1	10.37	9.63		19	15.55	4.45		37	18.62	1.38
2	10.74	9.26		20	15.76	4.24		37	18.75	1.25
3	11.09	8.91		21	15.97	4.03		39	18.87	1.13
4	11.43	8.57		22	16.18	3.83		40	18.99	1.01
5	11.77	8.23		23	16.38	3.62		41	19.11	0.89
6	12.10	7.90		24	16.57	3.43		42	19.22	0.78
7	12.42	7.58		25	16.75	3.25		43	19.33	0.67
8	12.72	7.28		26	16.93	3.07		44	19.44	0.56
9	13.01	6.99		27	17.11	2.89		45	19.55	0.45
10	13.30	6.70		28	17.28	2.72		46	19.65	0.35
11	13.58	6.42		29	17.45	2.55		47	19.75	0.25
12	13.85	6.15		30	17.61	2.39		48	19.84	0.16
13	14.11	5.89		31	17.77	2.23		49	19.93	0.07
14	14.37	5.63		32	17.92	2.08		50	20	0
15	14.62	5.38		33	18.07	1.93				
16	14.86	5.14		34	18.21	1.79				
17	15.10	4.90		35	18.35	1.65				

**USBF 11 Board
VP Scale
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USWBC**

Jerusalem Post Bridge Column for July 19
Bridge Dream by Matthew Granovetter

Do you ever have bridge dreams? I'm writing this from Orlando, Florida, where my partner, Ronnie Rubin, and I are getting ready to compete in the USA Senior Teams Championship. It occurred to me that we are probably the oldest established bridge partnership in America, having played together since our teen years. Strangely, last night I dreamt we were back at the Hilton Hotel in New York, playing against the Italian Blue Team of 1975. That's 43 years ago! We really were there and did play such a match, called the Lancia Match, and our young team won four Lancia cars. The match was a promotion for the car company and the actor Omar Sharif played for the Italian team. Here is the hand I recalled in the dream.

West dealer
East-West vulnerable

North (Forquet)
A J 10 8 7
8 7 5 2
5 4
K 6

West (Rubin)
6 3
K
K 10 7 6 3 2
A 10 8 4

East (Granovetter)
Q 9 4 2
Q 9 3
Q 8
J 7 5 3

South (Sharif)
K 5
A J 10 6 4
A J 9
Q 9 2

South West North East
- pass pass pass
1H 2D 3D double
4H (all pass)



Opening lead: 7 of diamonds

Sharif opened the bidding one heart in fourth chair and my partner overcalled two diamonds. Forquet (North) cuebid three diamonds and I doubled. This turned out fortuitous as my partner led a diamond and my queen was taken by Sharif's ace. He quickly played the ace of hearts followed by the jack, in an attempt to draw the trumps in two rounds. But I won the queen and returned the 8 of diamonds. My partner won, cashed the ace of clubs and led a third round of diamonds. Omar ruffed with the 8 of hearts and I overruffed with the 9 to set the contract.

At the other table in the match, Benito Garozzo, sitting West, chose not to overcall, and when our teammates, Alan Sontag and Peter Weichsel, bid to four hearts, Garozzo did not have the same information my partner had. He led a spade at trick one, and declarer made the game.

In my dream, I forgot to double three diamonds!

Matthew Granovetter is a world champion and the author of more than a dozen bridge books. He can be reached at mattg@bridgetoday.com

	2			1		8	3
						9	
			9	7	3		
7							5
6	8			3	1		9
	1	3					
			7			2	
	5	4			9		
	3						

Sudoku 1

Sudoku

Sudoku 2

			1		4			
		5		9				
					6			4
				6	1			
6		4				8		9
2			8				5	
3	1						7	
			9		8	5		
			7			3		

**Answers to Puzzle
No Peeking!**

Sudoku 2 Solution

5	9	6	7	1	2	3	4	8
4	2	7	9	3	8	5	6	1
3	1	8	6	4	5	9	7	2
2	3	1	8	7	9	4	5	6
6	7	4	5	2	3	8	1	9
8	5	9	4	6	1	2	3	7
7	8	2	3	5	6	1	9	4
1	4	5	2	9	7	6	8	3
9	6	3	1	8	4	7	2	5

Sudoku 1 Solution

2	3	7	1	6	8	9	5	4
1	5	4	3	2	9	8	6	7
8	9	6	7	5	4	2	3	1
9	1	3	5	4	7	6	2	8
6	8	5	2	3	1	4	7	9
7	4	2	8	9	6	3	1	5
5	6	8	9	7	3	1	4	2
3	7	1	4	8	2	5	9	6
4	2	9	6	1	5	7	8	3

Puzzle Page ...

Four couples decided to go camping to the state forest one weekend. Each couple traveled in a different van and each chose a separate camping spot. The camping sites were all labeled with a space number and while they were in the same area, the sites were not touching. Using the clues and the grid below, determine the full name of each couple, the color of their van, and the number of their camping space.

1. Bill, who is not married to Laura, didn't drive a black van.
2. Chuck and his wife Brenda were not camped in space #35. Brenda's last name is not Forrest.
3. The Lewis couple, who drove a tan van, camped in space #31.
4. Tom camped in a space numbered lower than the one Cindy camped in but higher than the couple who drove in the red van did.
5. Tom isn't married to Mary Tread. Steve Branch didn't drive a blue van.
6. The couple driving the black van camped in space #43.

	Brenda	Cindy	Laura	Mary	Branch	Lewis	Forrest	Tread	Black	Blue	Red	Tan	#29	#31	#35	#43
Bill																
Chuck																
Steve																
Tom																
#29																
#31																
#35																
#43																
Black																
Blue																
Red																
Tan																
Branch																
Lewis																
Forrest																
Tread																

Answers to Puzzle (no peeking)

First Name	Bill	Chuck	Steve	Tom
First Name	Mary	Brenda	Cindy	Laura
Last Name	Tread	Lewis	Branch	Forrest
Van Color	Red	Tan	Black	Blue
Space #	#29	#31	#43	#35

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You start video taping daytime game shows.
Your joints are more accurate than the National Weather Service.
You sit in a rocking chair and can't get it going.
Eat right, exercise regularly, die anyway.
You're just jealous because the voices only talk to me.
Wrinkled was not one of the things I wanted to be when I grew up!
In dog years I'm dead.
Sometimes I wake up grumpy -- other times I let her sleep.

I live in my own little world, but it's okay because they know me here.
You give up all your bad habits and you still don't feel good.

You start hesitating in deleting those blue pill emails that you get...you know the ones where you wonder whether everyone gets them or whether you are being singled out.

Your best friend is dating someone half their age and isn't breaking any laws.
When I feel athletic, I go to a sports bar.

Does vacuuming count as aerobic exercise?

I can please only one person per day. Today is not your day and tomorrow isn't looking good either.



Just before the funeral services, the undertaker came up to the very elderly widow and asked, 'How old was your husband?' '98,' she replied. 'Two years older than me.' 'So you're 96,' the undertaker commented. She responded, 'Hardly worth going home, is it?'

Reporters interviewing a 104-year-old woman: 'And what do you think is the best thing about being 104?' the reporter asked. She simply replied, 'No peer pressure.'

Three old guys are out walking.. First one says, 'Windy, isn't it?' Second one says, 'No, it's Thursday!' Third one says, 'So am I. Let's go get a beer.'

I've sure gotten old!
I've had two bypass surgeries, a hip replacement, new knees, fought prostate cancer and diabetes.
I'm half blind, can't hear anything quieter than a jet engine, take 40 different medications that make me dizzy, winded, and subject to blackouts. Have bouts with dementia.
Have poor circulation; hardly feel my hands and feet any-

more. Can't remember if I'm 85 or 92.
Have lost all my friends.
But, thank God, I still have my driver's license.

I feel like my body has gotten totally out of shape, so I got my doctor's permission to join a fitness club and start exercising.
I decided to take an aerobics class for seniors.
I bent, twisted, gyrated, jumped up and down, and perspired for an hour.
But, by the time I got my leotards on, the class was over.

An elderly woman decided to prepare her will and told her preacher she had two final requests.
First, she wanted to be cremated, and second, she wanted her ashes scattered over Wal-Mart.
'Wal-Mart?' the preacher exclaimed.
'Why Wal-Mart?'
'Then I'll be sure my daughters visit me twice a week.'

My memory's not as sharp as it used to be.
Also, my memory's not as sharp as it used to be.

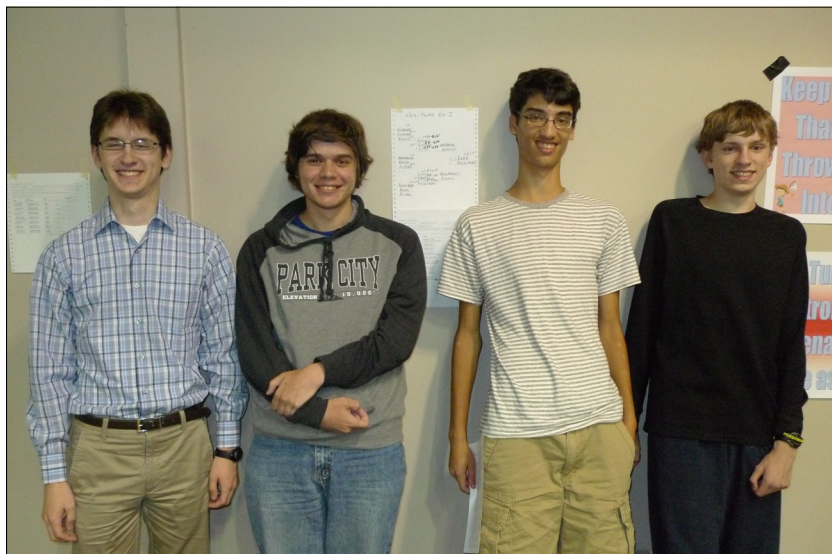
World Youth Bridge Open Championship in Atlanta

The WBF, with support from the ACBL, the USBF, the MABC, ACBL District 7, ACBL District 9, the Common Club, as well as private donors, will hold the 3rd World Youth Bridge Open Championship in Atlanta this summer. The complete schedule of play is posted on the WBF website.

All participants will be provided with lunch and dinner each day. All players must have been born in or after 1988.

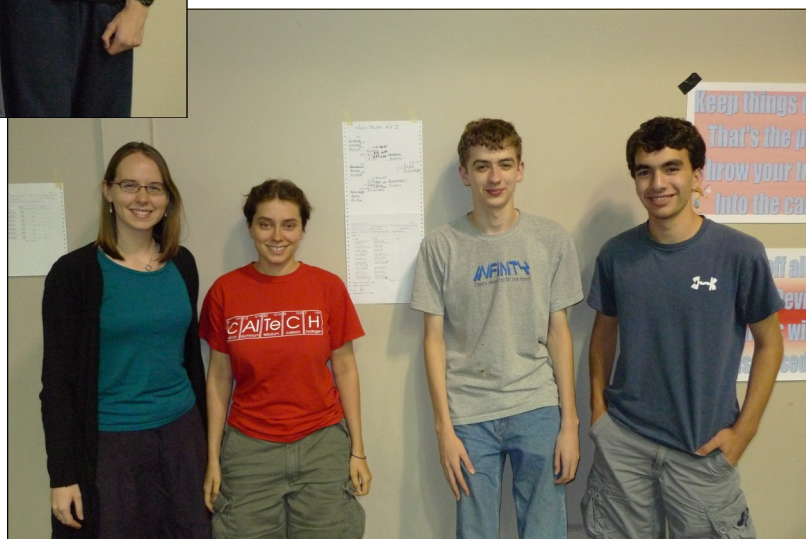
Among the activities planned, participants will be treated to an Atlanta Braves Game courtesy of Turner Broadcasting and David Levy.

Taking First and Second Place in the Top Flight of the Wed/Thurs Knockout at the St. Charles Regional in St. Charles, IL during the USBF Junior Training Camp... preparing for Atlanta!



From left: Oren Kriegel, Greg Hermann, Kevin Rosenberg, Ben Kristensen

Winners!



Marianna Linz, Becca Wernis, David Soukup, Hakan Berk

Second place...

Two of the Junior teams opted to play in the top bracket of the Wednesday/Thursday KO in St. Charles, IL, at the annual SummerFest Regional, site of the first ever USBF Junior Training Camp. They pulled off a surprising perfecta... coming first and second! Along the way, they knocked off teams headed by Josh Stark, Howard Pilch, and John Russell. Look out Atlanta! Here they come!



George Jacobs, USBF President, and his partner for the day on Friday: Arjun Dhir, one of the Junior players

George played in the Friday/Saturday KO with Arjun as his partner, and Mariana Linz and Becca Wernis as his teammates. When the youngsters and George got Ko'ed, they played the Evening Single Session Swiss Teams.

It is a thrill for the group to be in the company of such distinguished players.

Playing with George J ... Hands from the Juniors

Swiss Team

Dealer: N

♠ AKJxx
♥ AKOxxx
♦
♣ Qx

♠ X
♥ Xx
♦ Kxx
♣ AKxxxxxx



♠ Xxxxxx
♥ Jx
♦ Jxx
♣ Jxx

♠ Qx
♥ Txx
♦ AOxxxxxx
♣ x

West	North	East	South
	George Jacobs		Arjun Dhir
	1H	3D	Pass
4D	5S	Pass	6S
All Pass			

I sat down to be entertained. George Jacobs and Arjun Dhir, a first time partnership, one a Senior and one a Junior, were playing in the Friday night Swiss Teams at the SummerFest Regional in St. Charles, IL, as part of the USBF Junior Training Program.

On arrival, I announced that I was scouting for Bulletin hands.

The first hand was a routine major suit game. Then this hand came along.

Apparently Arjun was unaware of George's preponderance for overbidding. He, not unreasonably, bid 6S, thinking this was a "pick a slam" auction.

A diamond was led and Dummy's clubs were rapidly discarded on George's running heart suit.

Of course, if West had bid 4C on his AKxxxxx, rather than raising his partner to 4D, there would be no story to tell. The defense would take two club tricks against 6S, or, more likely, George would settle for a normal 4S contract.

Arjun is anxious to tell his friends and partners and teammates what a great player George is... bringing home the slam.

Dan Zagorin, Kevin Bathurst, Drew Becker, Howard Lu, and Jack Oest going over the evening's hands with this group of Juniors.... While Stan Subeck and George Jacobs worked with another group.

These Juniors knocked out National champion, Dick Bruno, and his squad (Bob Gardner, Craig and Mary Gardner, Jeff Schuett, and Jeff Miller) in a 3-way with Bruno's team and our team (Bathurst, Zagorin, Becker, Lu and Stan and me).



- ♠ AQT7x
 - ♥ AQxx
 - ♦ Kx
 - ♣ KJ
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- ♠ J98xxxx
 - ♥ Tx
 - ♦ Xxx
 - ♣ xx
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- N
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- ♠
 - ♥ Jxx
 - ♦ JTxxxxx
 - ♣ Axxxx
 - ♠ Kx
 - ♥ Kxxxx
 - ♦ AQ
 - ♣ Qxxxx

West	North	East	South
	George		Arjun
			1NT (15-17)
Pass	2C	2D	2H
Pass	3S	Pass	3NT
Pass	6H	All Pass	

Those of us who are familiar with George's bidding style know he makes every effort to steal the dummy. This time, Arjun got the jump on him when he opened 1NT on his 14 count.

George bid Stayman and found the heart fit.

Some of us play that 3S in this sequence sets hearts as trumps for a slam going auction. George and Arjun did not have this agreement.

George admitted he was simply trying to play the hand from his side to protect his diamond king. He knew Arjun would not pass 3S.

When Arjun bid 3NT, George was stymied. He had no choice but to raise his partner to slam. Interestingly, a spade lead would beat the 6H. If East doubles for the spade lead, George and Arjun can escape to 6NT which has 12 top tricks: two clubs, four spades, four hearts and two diamonds.

Anyway you have it, Arjun gets to play the hand!

George's team: Marianna Linz, Arjun Dhir, Becca Wernis, and Jacobs

